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a keeper is slidably coupled with said handle, said handle rotatable in a first direction, said keeper rotatable in a second direction opposite said first direction, said keeper including a biasing member and a head portion extending from said biasing member, said head portion including a catch and a lock release projection, said biasing member configured to bias said catch for engagement with said door.

21. (Once Amended) A method for assembling a door latch assembly for a dishwasher, the latch assembly for securing a dishwasher door to a dishwasher tub assembly, said method comprising:

providing a handle;

providing a handle retainer;

connecting the handle to the handle retainer; and

coupling a keeper to the handle providing sliding contact between the keeper and the handle such that the handle is rotatable in a first direction and the keeper is rotatable in a second direction that is opposite the first direction.

#### Remarks

The Office Action dated April 23, 2003 has been carefully reviewed and the following response has been made in consequence thereof.

Claims 1, 3-5, 7-10 and 13-22 are now pending in this application. Claims 1, 3-5, 7-10 and 22 are allowed. Claims 13-17, and 21 are rejected. Claims 18 and 19 are objected to.

The rejection of Claims 13-16 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,502,715 to Lundblade (hereinafter referred to as "Lundblade") is respectfully traversed.